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- 1. ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN MASS-CIRCULATION HURRIYET JANUARY 17, THE SOIL PRODUCTS OFFICE (TMO) HAS FORMALLY PRUCHASED 1,075,000 SQUARE METERS OF LAND FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOLVADIN, AFYON PROVINCE, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OPIUM ALKALOIDS PLANT. THE PURCHASE PRICE WAS A NOMINAL 10 (TEN) TURKISH LIRA. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED PLANT IS LOCATED AT DEVELI ON THE BOLVADIN-CAY ROAD. THE MAYOR OF BOLVADIN WAS QUOTED AS STATING THAT CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN THIS SPRING AND THE PLANT WILL HAVE THE CAPACITY TO PROCESS 30,000 RPT 30,000 TONS OF CAPSULES ANNUALLY.
- 2. SOURCES IN THE SOIL PRODUCTS OFFICE HAVE CONFIRMED TO US THAT THE BOLVADIN HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE SITE FOR THE ALKALOIDS PLANT AND THAT THE LAND HAS BEEN PURCHASED. TMO SOURCES ADD, HOWEVER, THAT THE MAXIMUM PLANNED CAPACITY FOR PROCESSING POPPY CAPSULES IS 20,000 RPT 20,000 TONS--NOT THE 30,000 CLAIMED IN THE HURRIYET STORY.

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